

Appl. No. 09/756,427

Reply to Office Action of August 11, 2005

REMARKS

This response is in reply to the non-final Office Action dated August 11, 2005. In the Office Action, claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,321,983 issued to Katayanagi et al. ("Katayanagi"). Applicant respectfully submits for at least the reasons below that this rejection is improper and therefore the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

The claimed invention as claimed in independent claims 1, 14-16 and 24-25 is directed to an information processing apparatus for sending and receiving an information signal to and from an electronic apparatus. In the Office Action, it was alleged that Katayanagi, directed towards methods for managing Life Cycles and System for the same, see Office Action, page 3, anticipates the claimed invention of the pending application. Applicant respectfully disagrees with such in that one of ordinary skill in the art would not know how to practice the claimed invention based upon the information disclosed by Katayanagi.

The claimed invention, as further defined in the specification, is directed to methods, systems and apparatuses that enable information to be read and or written to/from a guarantee card functional component module from a messaging system. This allows the messaging system to read and/or write certain product information to the guarantee card functional component module that includes, for example, information relating to purchase information and repair information. See, for example, Specification, page 3, lines 8-24. The information read from the guarantee card functional component module and information written to the guarantee card functional component module is stored on the guarantee card functional component module to allow for the information to be read and stored when one is conducting a transaction or repair regarding the device the guarantee card functional component module is associated with. See generally, Specification, page 24, line 20, though, page 40, line 17.

In contrast, Katayanagi is directed to a system of managing life cycle events based upon the reliance of external databases. These external databases, for example, databases 107, 110, 125, 146, 173, 186, 311, 321, 331, 341 and 351, are used to store information relating to the product's manufacture, dealer, retailer, servicing, recycling and recovery. See, Katayanagi, column 5, lines 33-48; column 6, lines 56-62; and column 7, lines 10-18. In this regard, Katayanagi is directed towards information being stored in external databases that are accessible

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to retrieve information about a particular device. Accordingly, Katayanagi requires one, after reading certain information from a device, to access an external database to obtain more information regarding a particular device. This is clearly different from the claimed invention, as the claimed invention provides for all related information to be available within the device, thereby requiring no access to outside databases or networks to read/write information regarding a product.

Based upon at least the reasons noted above, Applicant believes that Katayanagi is deficient with respect to the claimed invention. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Katayanagi fails to anticipate the claimed invention.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-25 be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits reconsideration of same.

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